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SUBJECT: GFXA-75-8026 AFGHANISTAN: POSSIBILTY OF INCREASED AFGHAN COOPERATION IN ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS

- 1. SUMMARY. ON MAY 3, 1978, THE UNITED NATIONS NARCOTIC ADVISOR REPORTED THE STATUS OF THE UNITED NATIONS NARCOTIC PROJECT IN AFGHANISTAN FOLLOWING THE SUCCESSFUL REVOLUTION OF THE KHALQIST PARTY.
- 2. MR. MAGNUSSEN REPORTED THAT HE AND ASSISTANT HEINZA KLEIST REPORTED TO THEIR OFFICES ON MAY 2, 1978, AND WERE WARMLY WELCOMED BY THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE ANTI-SMUGGLING UNIT, AND THEIR CHIEF COUNTERPART, GHULAM FARUK YAQUBI, THE CHIEF OF CRIMINAL AFFAIRS DIVISION.
- 3. MR. MAGNUSSES SAID THAT ON MAY 3, 1978, IN A MEETING WITH MR. YAQUBI, HE WAS INFORMED THAT THE NEWLY APPOINTED MINISTER CONFIDENTIAL

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OF INTERIOR, NOUR AHMAD NOOR (WHO COINCIDENTALLY IS A FORMER CHILDHOOD FRIEND OF YAQUBI'S DISCUSSED THE STATUS OF THE UNITED NATIONS NARCOTIC PROGRAM IN AFGHANISTAN WITH HIM (YAQUBI) THE PREVIOUS EVENING.

4. MR. YAQUBI, ON BEHALF OF THE NEW MINISTER, GAVE HIS ASSURANCES THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL BE MORE ACTIVE IN STOPPING NARCOTICS

SMGGLING AND CULTIVATION OF OPIUM. MR. YAQUBI SAID THAT THEIR EFFORT WILL BE FAR EASIER NOW SINCE BOTH THE FORMER MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND THE FORMER MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE WERE CULTIVATORS OF OPIUM THEMSELVES.

- 5. MR. YAQUBI TOLD MR. MAGNUSSEN THAT THE NEW REGIME WILL PROBABLY WANT TO EXPAND AND ACCELERATE THE PRESENT PROJECT; HOWEVER, HE HAD NO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS AT THAT TIME.
- 6. MR. MAGNUSSEN WAS ALSO QUESTIONED BY MR. YAQUBI (ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR) ON HIS PERSONAL PREFERENCES OF RENEWAL OF THIS CONTRACT, WHICH EXPIRES ON MAY 14, 1978. MR. MAGNUSSEN ADVISED MR. YAQUBI, THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, HE WILL AGREE TO AN EXTENSION.
- 7. MR. MAGNUSSEN SAID THAT THE RECENTLY DEA-TRAINED CHIEF OF THE ANTI-SMUGGLING UNIT, ABDUL AHAD, HAS BEEN PLACED ON RESERVE AND WILL BE REPLACED BY MUSTAFA, A FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE ASU AT KABUL AIRPORT.
- 8. HE SAID THAT BUSINESS AT THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR SEEMS TO BE GOING ON WITH A BIT MORE EFFICIENCY AND THAT THE ASU APPEARS TO BE ANXIOUS TO COMMENCE OPERATIONS.
- 9. HE SAID THAT DURING THE MILITARY ATTACK BY THE VICTORIOUS KHALQ FORCES ON THE MINSTRY OF INTERIOR, THE ASU'S OFFICERS CONFIDENTIAL

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SURRENDERED THEIR HANDGUNS AND REMAIN UNARMED.

10. MR. MAGNUSSEN SEEMED QUITE OPTIMISTIC THAT DEA'S SUPPORTIVE ROLE TO THE UNITED NATIONS PROGRAM WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY THIS CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT. ELIOT

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